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SATCOM ANTENNAE ON DON AS  
SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD KILENBAL, USSR

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: THE SOVIET DON-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) "VIKTOR KOTELNIKOV" HAS RECEIVED AN ENHANCED COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS (C3) CAPABILITY. (SWN)

2. REMARKS:

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DIAMETER SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS (SATCOM)-ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL RADOMES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AFT OF THE STACK, ONE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE AFT MAST. THESE RADOMES ARE SIMILAR TO THE 4-METER DIAMETER "BIG BALL" RADOMES INSTALLED ON THE SVERDLOV-CLASS COMMAND LIGHT CRUISERS (CL) "ADMIRAL SENYAVIN" AND "ADMIRAL ZHDANOV". WHILE NO ANTENNAE HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED ON THE CRUISERS, TWO [REDACTED] PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNAE WERE SEEN ON THE ANTENNA PEDESTALS OF THE SUBMARINE TENDER ON [REDACTED] THE NEW RADOMES, WHICH WERE FIRST IDENTIFIED ON THE SHIP'S HELICOPTER PLATFORM [REDACTED] HAD BEEN PLACED ON THE ANTENNA PEDESTALS [REDACTED] THE SIZE AND SHAPE OF THESE ANTENNAE CONFIRM THEIR FUNCTION AS SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS. (SWN)

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THE DON AS ARRIVED AT THE SHIPYARD IN AUGUST 1982 FOR A MAJOR OVERHAUL AND REFIT PROGRAM. THE SHIP WAS IN A FLOATING DRYDOCK [REDACTED] AND HAS SINCE REMAINED AT THE QUAY. "VIKTOR KOTELNIKOV" IS REGULARLY DEPLOYED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA AS THE FLAGSHIP FOR THE COMMANDER OF THE SOVIET MEDITERRANEAN FLEET. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 44-36-58N 033-33-15E

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